THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAY (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Allotment of land to Vidya Education Society in Delhi

2899. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that land meant for non-aided and non-profit making bodies has been allotted to Vidya Education Society to run its Pusa Public School by Delhi Administration; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Conference with Pentagon on Defence Matters

@2899-A. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to organise a joint Defence Ministry—Pantagon (USA) Conference on defence matters in September, this year;

(b) the criteria to be followed to select the participants; and

(c) the names of the persons selected so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) The Government of India has accepted an invitation from the US National Defence University to participate in a non-official Workshop on Security and strategic Issues relating to the Indian Ocean and South Asian region. The Indian delegation will comprise academics as well as officials who will be selected on the basis of their background and experience relating to the topics covered by the Workshop. The composition of the delegation has not yet been finalised.

Memorandum from the owners of the Dhakeshwari Cotton Mills Limited Calcutta

@@2899-B SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a memorandum dated 27th March, 1989 has been received by the Prime Minister from the owners of the Dhakeshwari Cotton Mills Limited, Calcutta-73 about disposal of their properties by Bangladesh Government;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been initiated by the Government of India to ensure that the sale proceeds of their properties are paid to the owners; and

(c) whether any request for granting a term loan has been made by the mill owners and if so, whether the same is under consideration of the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) A memorandum dated 27-3-89 addressed to the Prime Minister has been received.

(b) Government have on a number of occasions approached the Bangladesh Government for compensation for the property of the Dhakeshwari

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@Previously Unstarred Question 2587 transferred from the 8th August 1989.

@@Previously unstarred Question 2915, transferred from the 10th August 1989.

Mills that had been disposed of by sale.

(c) A request for granting such a loan had been made by the millowners but this could not be approved under the existing guidelines.

Pensionary and other benefits to teachers of aided schools in Punjab

@2899-C. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Government has accepted the report of a High Powered Committee recommending extension of pensionary and other benefits to the teachers of aided schools in Punjab;

(b) whether the Punjab Government has also taken a decision to implement the said report;

(c) if so, the date of implementation of the report; and

(d) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (d) Facts are being ascertained from the Government of Punjab and shall be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Opening of schools in the Tribal areas in the country

@@2899-D. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to set up more schools in the tribal sub plan areas in the country;

(b) if so, the number of schools which have been opened in different tribal sub-plan areas, in different States so far; and

(c) the proposal of Governmnt in that direction during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (c) Opening of schools comes under the perview of State Governments. In pursuance of National Policy on Education the States have been advised to accord priority to opening of schools in tribal areas.

The information regarding number of schools opened so far in tribal subplan areas is available only with the State Governments.

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12 NOON

Reference of petition regarding membership of Shri Satya Pal Malik to Privileges Committee

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that I had received a petition dated 27th July 1989 from Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal, a Member of this House, in relation to Shri Satya Pal Malik, another Member, under paragraph 6 of the Tenth Schedule to the Constitution and rule 6 of the Members of Rajya Sabha (Disqualification on ground of Defection) Rules, 1985, requesting me to disqualify Shri Satya Pal Malik from membership of the Rajya Sabha under the Tenth Schedule to the Constitution and also to declare his seat in the Rajya Sabha as vacant.

I had forwarded copies of the said petition and the annexure thereto to Shri Satya Pal Malik and the Leader of the Congress (I) Party for their comments. I have since received their comments. Having regard to the nature and circumstances of the case, I have referred the petition to the

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3324 transferred from the 11th August, 1989.

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